

**From:** [GAINER Tom](#)  
**To:** [Eric Blischke/R10/USEPA/US@EPA](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Data Retreat  
**Date:** 02/12/2007 08:45 AM

---

You did a great job Eric, with the data retreat meeting and over the past few years with the Portland Harbor Project! Keep it up-  
Tom

-----Original Message-----

From: Blischke.Eric@epamail.epa.gov  
[mailto:Blischke.Eric@epamail.epa.gov]  
Sent: Thursday, February 08, 2007 10:05 AM  
To: Shephard.Burt@epamail.epa.gov; Humphrey.Chip@epamail.epa.gov;  
Black.Curt@epamail.epa.gov; Davoli.Dana@epamail.epa.gov; GAINER Tom;  
Grepo-Grove.Gina@epamail.epa.gov; jeff.baker@grandronde.org; PETERSON  
Jenn L; jeremy\_buck@fws.gov; ANDERSON Jim M; Goulet.Joe@epamail.epa.gov;  
Smith.Judy@epamail.epa.gov; TOEPEL Kathryn;  
Koch.Kristine@epamail.epa.gov; MCCLINCY Matt; howp@critfc.org; POULSEN  
Mike; Fuentes.Rene@epamail.epa.gov; Robert.Neely@noaa.gov;  
Sheldrake.Sean@epamail.epa.gov; tomd@ctsi.nsn.us;  
parker.wittman@eiltld.net; csmith@parametrix.com;  
rgensemer@parametrix.com; rose@yakama.com; erin.madden@gmail.com;  
Ron.Gouguet@noaa.gov; cinde.donoghue@eiltld.net; jay.field@noaa.gov;  
jennifer.arthur@EILTLD.net; chris.thompson@EILTLD.net;  
aron.borok@EILTLD.net; Cora.Lori@epamail.epa.gov;  
Ader.Mark@epamail.epa.gov; BBarquin@hk-law.com; audiehuber@ctuir.com;  
Lisa.Bluelake@grandronde.org; pj.bridgen@eiltld.net; sheila@ridolfi.com  
Cc: mspence@parametrix.com; csmith@parametrix.com;  
jkoloszar@parametrix.com  
Subject: Data Retreat

Thanks to everyone who attended the data retreat up at Alderbrook. I want to especially thank the DEQ PMs for attending, Parametrix and Ben Shorr for performing the data analyses, and Rose for making the retreat arrangements. I think the meeting was a good start in our data review process. It is difficult in a large group setting to get too far into the details but hopefully the information presented over the past two days will serve as a starting point for a more detailed data review aimed at refining our understanding of the site and identifying data gaps. In the next few days, we will be sending out notes from the retreat - in particular, I think that the discussion at the end of yesterday was very useful. In the meantime, here are some quick follow-up items:

1) Hold the following days for meetings:

March 1, 2007 - Roll out meeting with LWG - Portland  
March 7, 2007 - Internal meeting on specific technical topics - Seattle  
March 8, 2007 - LWG meeting on specific technical topics - Seattle  
March 14, 2007 - Internal meeting on specific technical topics - Portland  
March 15, 2007 - LWG meeting on specific technical topics - Portland

The specific technical topics to be discussed will be determined later.

2) For next week's TCT, we will develop a proposal for how the Round 2 Data Report will proceed. We will get this out in time for people to review it prior to the TCT meeting. If you have ideas, please email them to Jim Anderson, Chip and myself.

3) We will be working with Parametrix and NOAA to refine our data evaluation tools. If you have specific ideas about some of these evaluations not captured over the past two days, please email them to Bob Gensemer, Chip and myself.

4) We did not get to the weight of evidence discussion. We previously discussed having a meeting during the week of February 26, 2007 to discuss the application of the weight of evidence framework to the benthic community. I propose that we have this meeting the afternoon of February 28th. I would like to finalize a date at next week's TCT.

5) The data analyses are on the NOAA ftp site and were distributed on a thumb drive at the retreat. If you are unable to access the data analyses from the ftp site, please let me know and we will figure out what the problem is or make other arrangements.

Finally, I think we are beginning an exciting time of data review. Stay tuned for more updates.

Thanks, Eric